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ALL-NEW
MUTANT
MILESTONE!

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X-MEN LEGENDS #1



MARVEL COMICS PROUDLY PRESENTS...

A STORY NEARLY
30 YEARS
IN THE MAKING!

FOR THE
TIME WE HAVE
LOST AND THE
TOLL IT HAS
COST--

--CRYSTAL
CLAWS...
BY ALL MEANS,
FEEL FREE...

...TO
REND THEM
LIMB FROM
LIMB!

X-MEN LEGENDS



the burning blood

part one: shattered crystal, scattered dreams

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PLACE AFTER X-MEN (1991) #39.





WESTCHESTER,
NEAR THE MANSION
OF CHARLES XAVIER.

CYCLOPS.

GENERATES OPTIC
BLASTS OF PURE
CONCLUSIVE FORCE.
NOT HEAT.

HAVOK.

CHANNELS AMBIENT
COSMIC ENERGY INTO
A PLASMA DISCHARGE.

"SO, LITTLE
BROTHER, WANT TO
GET SOME FRESH
AIR FOR OUR
WORKOUT?"

"SURE,
SCOTT, THAT'LL MAKE
A NICE CHANGE OF PACE
FROM A TRAINING ROUTINE
IN THE DANGER ROOM."

FOCUS,
ALEX.

THEY'RE
SHI'AR. THEY HAD
TO HAVE BEEN
STALKING THE
MANSION.



WHY WOULD THEY
HAVE ATTACKED
US IN BROAD
DAYLIGHT?

WOULD IT
HAVE MATTERED IF
THEY'D DONE IT AT
NIGHT?

GOOD
POINT.



NOT
INCLUDING THE ONES
WE'VE TAKEN DOWN, I
CLOCK FOURTEEN.



I COUNTED TWENTY,
BUT THAT WAS SO IT
WOULD SOUND
MORE IMPRESSIVE
LATER.

TOO
MANY TO TAKE
OUT ONE AT
A TIME.

FULL
SWEEP?

WANTED
TO AVOID
DAMAGING THE
ENVIRONMENT,
BUT...



WHAT
NOW?

WE TALK
TO THE MAN WHOSE
GIRLFRIEND IS THE
EMPRESS-MAJESTRIX
OF A STAR-SPANNING
EMPIRE.

XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS.

HERE, MUTANTS BORN WITH SPECIAL ABILITIES HONE THEIR POWERS TO HELP THE VERY PEOPLE WHO HATE AND FEAR THEM.

I REACHED OUT TO LILANDRA THROUGH A SUBSPACE TRANSMISSION.

IT MAY BE HOURS BEFORE WE HEAR BACK.

SINCE WE CAN'T TURN THEM OVER TO THE POLICE, I GUESS I SHOULD MAKE A RUN TO THE PET STORE FOR SOME BIRDSEED...?

THEY KEEP CHANTING, "BY THE LIGHT OF M'KRAAN."

INVOKING A CRYSTAL CAPABLE OF COLLAPSING ALL OF REALITY SEEMS PROBLEMATIC.

PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER.

THE GREATEST MUTANT TELEPATH ON EARTH.

I CANNOT PROBE THROUGH THEIR MENTAL SHIELDS.

THEIR MINDS HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED TO REPEAT THE CHANT SO THEY WON'T REVEAL ANY USEFUL INFORMATION.

GETTING A CALL. HOLD ON.

HELLO?

YES, SPEAKING.

ANCHORAGE POLICE?

WHAT HAPPENED...?

RUNNING A NEWS ALERT FOR ANCHORAGE...

OH CRAP.



ALEX
AND SCOTT
SUMMERS,
YOU SAY?

WHEN WE
CALLED PHIL AN'
DEB'S GRANDKIDS
LIVING ON THE EAST
COAST...



...DIDN'T EXPECT
YOU TO SHOW UP
TWO HOURS LATER
IN A LOCKHEED
SR-71!

YOU'RE
LUCKY WE DIDN'T
HAVE TIME TO
ROUND UP OUR
FRIENDS...

AN
INTEREST IN
AVIATION RUNS
IN OUR FAMILY,
CHIEF.

CAN YOU
EXPLAIN WHAT
HAPPENED?



BIG GUY IN A
RED ARMOR WITH
HORNS AN' A BUNCH
OF ODD-LOOKING
FREAKS DRESSED
LIKE BIRDS
ATTACKED US.

THEY TOOK YOUR
GRANDPARENTS,
BUT THEY LEFT THIS.
WE COULDN'T MAKE
HEADS OR TAILS
OF IT.



THE LANGUAGE IS
CALLED SHI'AR.

IT SAYS,
"HIS TIME HAS COME.
THE EMPIRE NEEDS THE
BURNING BLOOD. TO
FREE THE LIGHT OF
M'KRAAN."

הַשִּׁי'אָר
הַלָּשׁוֹן
הַזֶּה
הוּא הַלָּשׁוֹן
הַקָּדוֹן

"TO SAVE THE
GALAXY. TO SPARE THE
LIVES OF THE SUMMERS'
PROGENITORS, YOU MUST
DELIVER TO US THE
FORSAKEN ONE."



IT'S A
RANSOM NOTE
FROM OUTER
SPACE?

YOU'VE
LIKELY KNOWN
PHILIP AND DEBORAH
FOR MANY YEARS,
CHIEF, BUT THE LIVES
OF THEIR SON AND
GRANDCHILDREN
ARE A BIT...
COMPLICATED.

WHAT'S
CLEAR IS, TO
SAVE THEIR
LIVES...



"... WE HAVE TO
FIND OUT WHO
THIS FORSAKEN
ONE IS..."

HOW CAN SOMEONE
REMEMBER FROM
BEFORE THEY SHOULD
REMEMBER, BUT KNOW
SO LITTLE NOW?

THERE WAS
FIRE. I FELT
MYSELF...
BOILING.

THERE WAS
SALVATION.

HANDS HARDENED
BY A LIFE OF
HITTING, SOFTLY
PROTECTED ME.

I WAS GIVEN A
NAME THAT WAS
NEITHER SHI'AR
OR MEPHITISOID.

I NEVER
ASKED WHY.

I NEVER ASKED
WHAT OTHER
SECRETS I
LEFT BEHIND.

I WAS TOLD MY
PAST WOULD BE
AN UNWANTED
BURDEN.

ADAM
TUGGLE



AND I WAS
GIVEN A LIFE
OF PEACE.

JONATH HAD BEEN
THE COMMANDER OF
THE JATH'CHE, THE
PERSONAL GUARDS TO
THE SHI'AR EMPEROR.



FOR THEIR FAILURE TO
SAVE THE EMPEROR FROM
HIS SON, D'KEN'S, ATTACK,
THE JATH'CHE WERE EXILED
TO CH'REESHARAA.

THE GREATEST
WARRIORS OF THE
EMPIRE BECAME
FARMERS.

IT WAS
CONSIDERED A
PUNISHMENT...



...BUT TO ME,
IT WAS HOME
AND THEY
WERE FAMILY.



FROM MY FIRST
STEP, JONATH
TAUGHT ME HOW TO
PROTECT MYSELF.

SLK



I WAS A FARMER.
I WAS A FIGHTER.
BUT AS I CAME
OF AGE...



...WE LEARNED
HOW VERY
DIFFERENT
I WAS...



ON THE DAY MY POWERS
MANIFESTED, I LEARNED I WAS
NOT SHI'AR, OR MEPHITISOID,
OR EVEN REALLY HUMAN.

<IT
BURNS...>*

*TRANSLATED
FROM SHI'AR.

I WAS NONE.
I WAS ALL.

I WAS
MORE.

I WAS A
MUTANT.



I COULD IGNITE THE
OXYGENATED BLOOD
OF ANYONE IN MY VICINITY,
CAUSING THEM
EXCRUCIATING PAIN.

I KNEW THAT
TO ESCAPE WHO
I WAS AND
DISCOVER WHO
I COULD BE...



...I WOULD ONE
DAY NEED TO
GO TO EARTH.

IOWA.

FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN MANY MONTHS,
I FEEL AT PEACE.
IT IS...STRANGE.
BUT GOOD.

THE TRUTH
OF MY BIRTH HAS
BEEN REVEALED TO
ME. MY FANATICAL
SH'AR PURSUERS
HAVE BEEN
ELIMINATED.*

I HAVE CLARITY
NOW. AND WITH
THAT, FINALLY...
HOPE.

CRUNCH

*CAPTAIN MARVEL (1995) #3,
--BACK-ISSUE BASSO

WHERE I'M FROM,
THE PLANTS WOULD
HAVE TOLD ME YOU
WERE COMING.

EARTH
PLANTS DON'T
HAVE MUCH
TO SAY.

AFTER ALMOST
A YEAR ON THIS
PLANET, I STILL
FIND THAT
DISAPPOINTING.



MISTER, YOU
BEEN SITTING
OUT HERE FOR
TWO DAYS.

MY DAD
SAID YOU
HAVE TO GET
OUT.

I'M
SURPRISED
YOUR FATHER
DIDN'T COME
OUT TO TELL
ME HIMSELF.

MY NAME
IS ADAM.
WHAT'S
YOURS?

UHM...
JIMMY.

JENKINS.

HOW
DO YOU DO
THAT?

PRACTICE.
BUT IT'S NOTHING
COMPARED TO
WHEN I DO...





...I THOUGHT BOTH OF US HAD GOTTEN OVER OUR...EXTREME PHASE?

CABLE.

TELEKINETIC SOLDIER FROM THE FUTURE. LEADER OF X-FORCE.

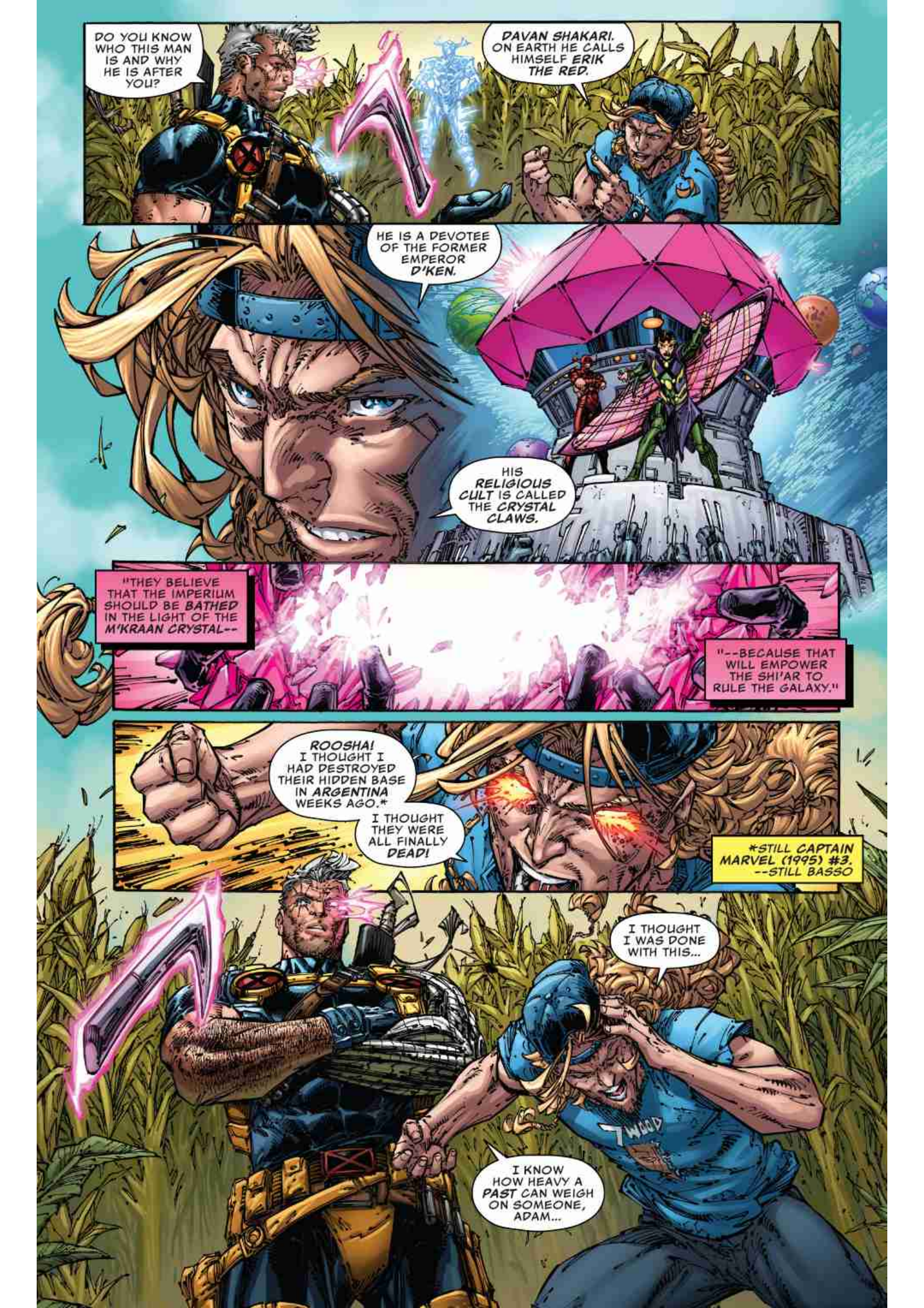


I WAS CONTACTED BY CYCLOPS AND HAVOK. THEIR GRANDPARENTS WERE KIDNAPPED.

THEY KNEW THAT X-FORCE HAD A FEW RUN-INS WITH A SHI'AR/HUMAN HYBRID BORN WITH SPECIAL ABILITIES.



YES, I SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE X-MEN NOW. SEE? WE CAN GROW.



DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS MAN IS AND WHY HE IS AFTER YOU?

DAVAN SHAKARI. ON EARTH HE CALLS HIMSELF ERIK THE RED.

HE IS A DEVOTEE OF THE FORMER EMPEROR D'KEN.

HIS RELIGIOUS CULT IS CALLED THE CRYSTAL CLAWS.

"THEY BELIEVE THAT THE IMPERIUM SHOULD BE BATHED IN THE LIGHT OF THE M'KRAAN CRYSTAL--"

"--BECAUSE THAT WILL EMPOWER THE SHI'AR TO RULE THE GALAXY."

ROOSHA! I THOUGHT I HAD DESTROYED THEIR HIDDEN BASE IN ARGENTINA WEEKS AGO.*

I THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL FINALLY DEAD!

*STILL CAPTAIN MARVEL (1995) #3.
--STILL BASSO

I THOUGHT I WAS DONE WITH THIS...

I KNOW HOW HEAVY A PAST CAN WEIGH ON SOMEONE, ADAM...



...BUT I'M TIME-TRAVELING, LIVING PROOF THAT YOU CAN'T RUN FAST ENOUGH OR FAR ENOUGH TO ESCAPE WHO YOU ARE.

THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO FACE THIS--TO END THIS--NOW.

THE SUMMERS BROTHERS ASKED IF THEY COULD MEET YOU--ASK FOR YOUR HELP.

SCOTT AND ALEX ARE GOOD MEN. THEY'LL BE AT THE HOTEL FORT DES MOINES.

TALK TO THEM. TRY NOT TO FIGHT.

I'D GO WITH YOU, BUT MY TEAM IS CURRENTLY M.I.A.

DOMINO AND I HAVE TO FIND THEM.



GOOD LUCK, ADAM.

BODYSLIDE BY ONE.



MY APOLOGIES, JIMMY. NOW YOU KNOW WHY I NEED TO MEDITATE FOR TWO DAYS AT A TIME.

YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO OWN A TAXI?

JIMMY
DIDN'T OWN
A TAXI.

I'VE BECOME QUITE
ACCUSTOMED TO
HITCHHIKING.



UNFORTUNATELY,
IT GIVES ME
TOO MUCH TIME
TO THINK, TO
REMEMBER.

WHY I'M HERE. HOW
I GOT TO THIS PLACE.
IT ALL TRACES BACK
TO THE DAY I LEARNED
ABOUT MY MUTANT
POWERS.



WHEN I REALIZED
THAT MY FLOCK
WOULD ALWAYS LOOK
AT ME DIFFERENTLY.

BEING A HYBRID
ODDITY WAS HARD
ENOUGH, BUT NOW
THEY'D ALWAYS LOOK
AT ME WITH FEAR.



EVER SINCE THAT DAY,
I'VE HIDDEN FROM WHO
I WAS, WHILE RUNNING
AWAY FROM WHAT I WAS.





THE
MEPHITISOID WHO
LOOKS LIKE A
CUTE SKUNK IS
HEPZIBAH.

THE CYBORG
IS RAZA
LONGKNIFE.

THEY'RE SPACE
PIRATES, PART OF A
GROUP OF ROGUES
CALLED THE
STARJAMMERS.

WHY WOULD DAVAN SHAKARI HIRE THEM TO TAKE ME IN AND ALSO KIDNAP PHILIP AND DEBORAH SUMMERS AS RANSOM TO LURE ME IN?

ANSWER: HE WOULDN'T. WHICH MEANS THE IMPERIUM HIRED THEM.

WHICH MEANS EMPRESS LILANDRA KNOWS I EXIST.

RUMOR'S TRUE, BOY IS FAST.

KRIHOOM

GOOD. CHALLENGES HAVE BEEN WANTING.

AND SEEM TO REMAIN THUS.

EXPECTED MORE SPUNK.

CABLE WAS RIGHT. THE TIME TO END THIS IS NOW...

WAAAA

Pincer
play.

ON IT.

Forsaken
one!

THE
BOUNTY SAID
DEAD OR ALIVE.
YOUR CHOICE,
BOY!

MY
ONLY CHOICE,
PIRATE, IS
WHETHER I LEAVE
YOU DEAD OR
ALIVE!

AND MY
NAME IS
ADAM!

RAZA IS
RENOWNED
THROUGHOUT
THE GALAXY
AS A MASTER
SWORDSMAN--

--AND
HEPZIBAH AS
A LETHAL
HUNTER.

SNIK

SNIK

BUT NEITHER ONE
OF THEM HAVE
SEEN ANYTHING
LIKE ME!

ZZARK

FWZAM

AND APPARENTLY,
THEY STILL WON'T...

A comic book panel showing Wolverine and Cable in a cornfield at night. Wolverine, on the left, is in his blue and gold X-Men uniform with his claws extended. Cable, on the right, is in his blue and black tactical suit with a yellow visor. Both have glowing yellow energy spheres in their hands. The background is a dark cornfield under a starry night sky.

GOOD THING
CABLE PUT A
TRACKER ON YOU
AND WE COULD
HELP YOU OUT.

MADE IT
EASY TO FIND
YOU WHEN WE
WERE TOLD THE
'JAMMERS WERE
ON YOUR
TAIL.

A close-up comic book panel showing Cable and Wolverine. Cable is on the left, looking towards Wolverine on the right. Wolverine has a determined expression.

FIRST, I DIDN'T
NEED ANY HELP.

SECOND,
WHO WARNED
YOU?

UHM...

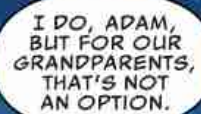
ERIK
THE RED.

A close-up comic book panel focusing on Wolverine's face. He has a serious, intense expression with his eyes narrowed.

OF COURSE. HE
CAN'T FULFILL HIS MAD
DREAM OF MAKING ME
MAJESTOR TO THE
IMPERIUM--

--IF THE
IMPERIUM HAS
KILLED OR
IMPRISONED
ME.

YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHY I WANT
NO PART OF
THIS?

A small comic book panel showing Wolverine from the chest up, gesturing with his right hand.

I DO, ADAM,
BUT FOR OUR
GRANDPARENTS,
THAT'S NOT
AN OPTION.

OUR
BLACKBIRD
JET IS PARKED
ON THE HIGHWAY.
PLEASE COME
WITH US.



I SAVED
PHILIP'S LIFE
AND HE GAVE ME
HOPE, SO I SAY THIS
WITH GREAT REGRET...
THEIR LIVES ARE
INCONSEQUENTIAL
IN COMPARISON--

--TO THE
BILLIONS WHO
WOULD DIE IN THE
CIVIL WAR THAT THE
REVELATION OF MY
EXISTENCE WOULD
INCITE.

WE HEAR
YOU, BUT THE
X-MEN TEND TO
DEAL WITH ONE
PROBLEM AT
A TIME.

INNOCENT
GRANDPARENTS
COME FIRST. KIDS
AND PUPPIES,
TOO.



ACCUSTOMED ARE THE
STARJAMMERS...

...TO SEVERAL
PROBLEMS HANDLED
SIMULTANEOUSLY.

DELIVER
THE BOUNTY
NOW, CORSAIR'S
PARENTS
SECURED NEXT.



CHKZEE

CHKZEE







MY ENTIRE
LIFE, I'VE BEEN
NOTHING BUT A
PAWN--

ZZZSHH!

FWZAM

--IN A GAME
PLAYED BY
OTHERS.

WHEN DO I
FINALLY TAKE
CONTROL OF
THE BOARD?

HOW
ABOUT

WE
START

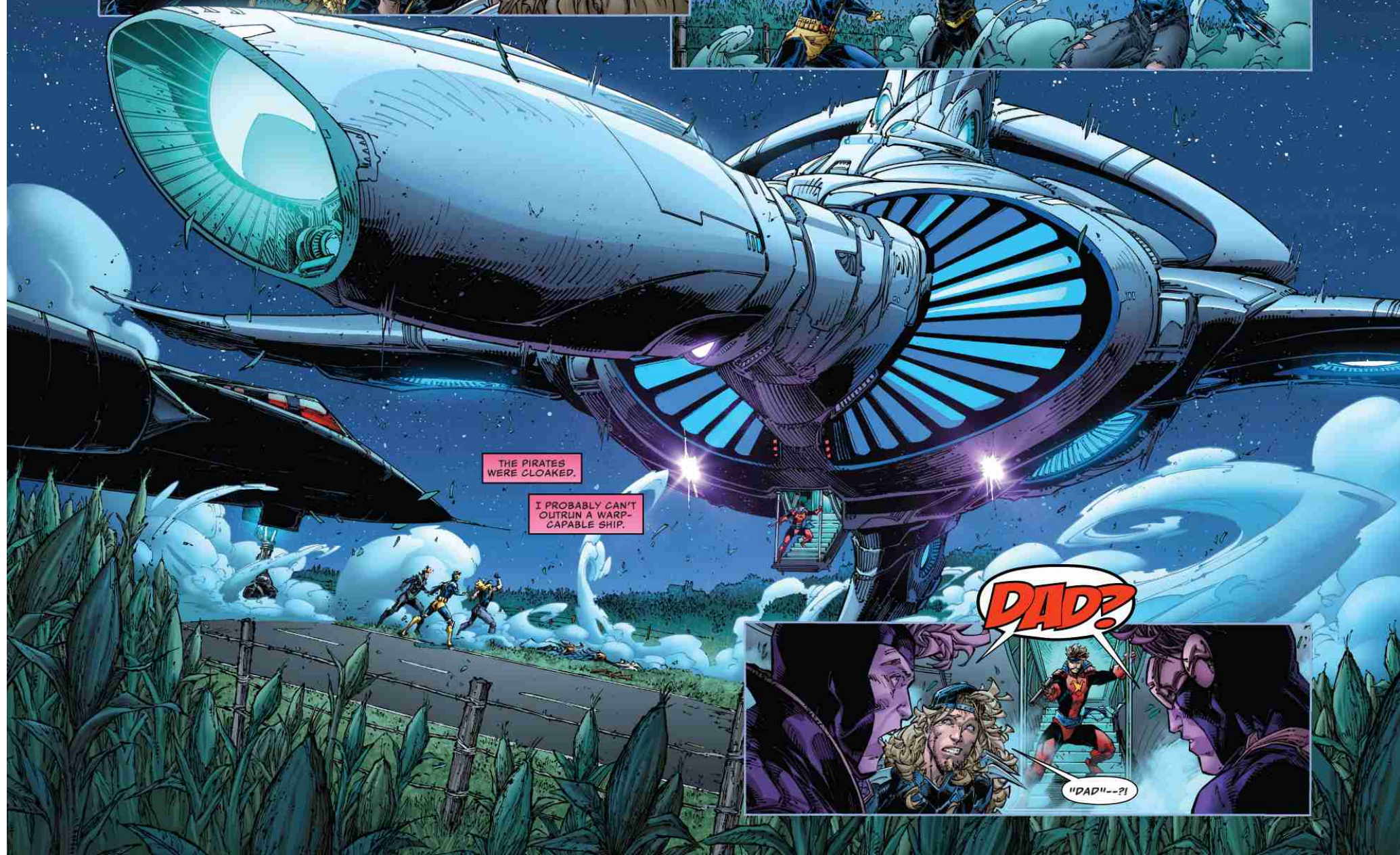
RIGHT

NOW!

BURN.

FZZZSHAK







NEXT: ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

NEXT:



Hey, X-Heads, and thanks for picking up the first issue of X-MEN LEGENDS! If you haven't gathered from the story you just read, we're using this series to dive back in and tell all-new stories, by the original writers, set during various periods of X-continuity! These are all 100% truly in continuity, and some, like this one, were stories that were intended to be told years or decades before but are only now getting their moment to shine! Be back here next month for the conclusion of this tale, and keep with us for more X-Secrets you didn't know you were missing!

--Mark

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